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Concerning the FAMILY of  
**L O R A I N E,**  
O F *R*  
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NORTHUMBERLAND;  
WITH  
REMARKS upon some others,  
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The Family of LORAIN, of Kirkbarle-Tower, in the County of Northumberland; with REMARKS upon some others, (*obiter*) Anno Dom. 1738.



OBERT, the first of this Family in *England*, came an Officer in the Army of *William* the Conqueror, who, for his Service in that Expedition, and after in the sixth Year of the Reign of his Son *William* II. against *Malcolm* King of *Scots*, (a valiant Prince) whom

the English Rebels in the North join'd in his Excursion into *Northumberland*, whereby many Estates in that County and *Durham* were forfeited to the Crown, was rewarded with several Hides of Land in *Ufferton, East, Middle and West Harrington*; with free Fishings in *Aqua de Were*, to him and his Heirs for ever, to be holden in Knights Service :

Where he settled himself and Family, and whose Descendants intermarried with some of the ancient and chief Families of the Gentry in that County.

He was (as well as a Soldier) a considerable Scholar for that Age; as recorded in *Baker's Chronicle*, amongst the Men of Note in that Reign, for epitomizing the Chronicle of *Marianus Scotus*.

He lived in the said County of *Durham* till the Reign of *Henry V.* about which Time there was one *William Del-Strother*, presum'd of the Natives and ancient Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, who was a Man of great Power and Possessions, and had his chief Seat and Mansion-house at *Kirk-*

*Kirkharle-Tower* in the said County, distant fourteen Miles from *Newcastle upon Tyne*; situate upon the Bank, and overlooking a spacious Lake; surrounded with Timber, and Under-wood; interspersed with Apertures, Lawns and Savanas; cloathed with the finest Herbage:

Which *William Del-Strother* died without Issue-male, leaving only three Daughters, *viz.* *Johanna*, *Alicia*, and *Maria*, to whom all his Estate descended; who, out of their Piety and Devotion, at their joint Expence, repair'd the Church of *Kirkharle*, then under a Decay; standing from their Father's House about a Furlong:

Which *Johanna*, eldest Daughter and Co-heir of the said *Strother*, *William Loraine*, Heir of this Family, married, having then a considerable Estate in the County of *Durham*: By whom he had Issue Sons and Daughters.

*Alicia*, the second Daughter and Co-heir, married one *John Nicholson* in the County of *Northumberland*.

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*John Fenwick*, of *Fenwick-Tower* in *Northumberland*, married *Maria*, the third Daughter and Co-heir of the said *Strother*; who, with their three Wives, enjoy'd all the said Estate, in common and undivided, till the said *Nicholson*, with his Wife and Son, released all their Right and Title to the Father's Estate to *Lorraine* and *Fenwick*; in consideration of having for their Share thereof the Manor of *Babington* alias *Bavington*, *cum membris*; whereof *Thockrington* is specially nam'd.

*Note, It is presum'd, the Shaftoes got the said Manor of Babington by a Match with the Heirels of the Nicholsons; because no mention is made of that Family after.*

Whereupon *Lorraine* and *Fenwick* made a Partition of the rest of the Estate betwixt them, whereby the *Tower* (being the chief Seat of the said *Strother*) the Manor, and Lordship of *Kirkharle*, with the Advowson of the Church, was allotted to *Johanna* (in Preference to the eldest Co-heir) with about nineteen Hundred Acres of arable Land (except

cept about two Hundred thereof rocky, moorish, or marshy) with the Members thereof, *viz.* the said Tower, Township and Village of *Kirkharle, Great-law, &c.* all situate on the South-side of the River *Wansbeck.*

And *John Fenwick* had the other half of the Estate for his Part, *cum membris, viz.* the Tower, Manor and Lordship of *Wallington, Sweetop, Hawick, Crookden, &c.* lying mostly on the North-side of the said River.

Note, *The Ancestors of the Strothers got the Estate of Wallington with Johanna the sole Heir, and Daughter of Robert de Wallington East, and Wallington West; (as express'd in the ancient Deeds).*

After which Marriage, the said *William Loraine* removed out of the County of *Durham*, with his Family, to his Wife's Estate at *Kirkharle* aforesaid; whose Posterity intermarried with several of the reputable and ancient Families of both the said Counties, who, by the prudent Management of their

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Affairs, acquired other Estates there; some  
of Lands of Inheritance, Coal-mines; others  
consisting of Chattels, Ecclesiastical Leases, &c.  
Being in their respective Generations generally  
Men of Learning, Virtue and Sobriety.

**E D W A R D** succeeded, who married *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of *John Harding* of *Halinside* in the County of *Durham*, Esq; By whom he had several Children, and died the End of the Reign of *Richard III*.

**R O B E R T** came in by Descent, and was so zealous a Prosecutor of Robbers, Thieves and Moss-troopers, (called the *Border-service*) that he kept a certain Number of Horses and Arms always ready, suitable to his Estate: As others of the chiefest Families in the Neighbourhood did; as *Fenwick* of *Wallington*, *Swinburn* of *Capheaton*, *Middleton* of *Belsay*, *Shaftoe* of *Babington*, &c. to pursue the same, upon all Occasions of theirs and the *Scots* Excursions and Depredations into *Northumberland*.

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For which Service to his Country, they conceived such a Malice to him, that a Party of them lay in Ambush, between his House and the Church (where he frequently resorted for his private Devotions) and in his Return home, suddenly surprised and dragg'd him into an adjacent Close, where they barbarously murdered him.

In memory whereof, his Successor set up a great Stone in the Place, which the present Gentleman finding defac'd, and broken down, erected a new one in its Place, engraven with the same Account.

This unfortunate Gentleman, about the fourteenth of *Henry VIII.* married *Margaret*, Daughter of *Robert Bowes* of the Bishoprick of *Durham*, Esq; and had Issue Sons and Daughters.

*WILLIAM* succeeded, and married *Agnes*, a Daughter of Sir *William Waters* of the County of *York*, Knight; who became a Widow, and married *John Lisle* of *Acton* in *Northumberland*, Esq; By which *Agnes*, the said

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said *William* had Issue one Son and two Daughters, *Thomas*, *Jrilla* and *Dorothy*; which *Dorothy* married *Thomas Ogle* of *Kirkley* in *Northumberland*, Esq;

*THOMAS* came in by Descent, and married *Thomasin*, eldest Daughter of *Thomas Walter* of *Whitwell* in the County of *Durham*, Gentleman; and died the fifteenth of *Jacobi Regis*, leaving two Sons, *Thomas* and *William*, Infants: Whose Widow married *John Hylton* in the County of *Durham*, Esq;

*THOMAS* succeeded, and married *Elizabeth*, Widow and Relict of *Thomas Bewick* of *Close-house* in *Northumberland*, Esq; By whom he had Issue only one Son, called *Thomas*.

The said *Thomas* the Father, out of his Piety, finding the slated Roof of the Quire of *Kirkbarle* Church fallen into Decay, took it down, and timber'd it a-new with *Irish Oak*, and cover'd it with Lead; all at his own Charge: And some Time after prevail'd with the Parishioners to take down  
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the slated Roof of the Church, and timber'd it with Oak, and cover'd the same with Lead also.

He was likewise so great a Lover of Learning (though then the sole male Heir of his Family) that he continued with that learned Gentleman, Mr. *Mede* of *Christs-College, Cambridge*, in Pursuit thereof, that he was reputed as great a Proficient in the *Latin, Greek and Hebrew Tongues*, as any Layman in that University.

He was so loyal and serviceable to the King (as his Ancestors had been) that a Party of *Oliver's Soldiers* burnt a small Seat-house of his, and seven or eight more belonging to it, to the Ground in *Ufferton* aforesaid.

His great Learning and Endowments brought him into so great an Esteem and Familiarity with *Cozens*, then Bishop of *Durham*, that he stood God-father to his said Son *Thomas*, to whom he gave a handsome Present of a Silver Censer upon that Occasion.

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He was a proper Person, and of a comely Aspect; a virtuous, sober, honest Man. He lived and died of a Fever in *Newcastle upon Tyne*, in the thirty fifth Year of his Age, to the great Grief and Loss of his Family and Relations, and Regret of his Acquaintance, and was interred in the South Isle of St. *Nicolas's* Church, next the *Maddison's* Monument, under a large Marble Stone, with a Brass Plate, and his Character engraven upon it (which being torn up and stol'n) the present Gentleman put a new one upon it, engraven with the same Character.

His Wife died some Years after, and was buried next to him in the same Place (who being the last surviving Person of the *Maddison's* Family) the Right of the said Monument and Burying-place devolved upon the *Lorraine's* Family.

*THOMAS* his Son succeeded, who married *Grace*, (a comely, prudent and careful Woman) the eldest Daughter of Sir *William Fenwick* of *Walmington* in the County of *Northumberland*, Baronet, who was the eldest Son  
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of Grace *Lorraine* of this Family (reputed a Beauty) second Wife of Sir *John* his Father, [for this *vide the Fenwick's Pedigree.*] who brought him Issue fourteen Sons and five Daughters.

He was created Baronet the twenty sixth Year of King *Charles II.* and died *January 1717*, aged near Eighty, and was interr'd in the Chancel of *Kirkbarle Church.*

*WILLIAM* his first born Son, the present Gentleman, succeeded, and was educated to the Law at *Lincoln's Inn*, where he took his Degree of Barrister, and practised the same for several Years, till the Affairs of his Family required his Presence at home to attend the same.

He married two Wives; the first *Elizabeth*, one of the Daughters of Sir *John Laurence*, Knight and Alderman of the City of *London*, (Lord Mayor in the *Sickness Year* call'd) who died in three Years, leaving him no Issue.

His second Wife was *Anne*, only Daughter of *Richard Smith* of *Preston* in the County of *Bucks*, Esq; and Sister to *Richard Smith* of *Enderby* in the County of *Leicester*, Esq; who follow-

followed King *Charles II.* beyond Sea all the Time of his Misfortunes and Exile; and returned with him at his Restoration, was made Clerk of the Cheque: In which Place he behaved himself so well, that he was continued therein till his Death.

By whose Daughter, now living, he had Issue five Sons and four Daughters; whereof there are now living two Sons and two Daughters.

His Daughter *Grace* was married to *Forster Charleton* of *Lee-ball* in the County of *Northumberland*, Gentleman; who died leaving him Issue three Sons and one Daughter.

He married *Charles* his younger Son to *Margaret Lambton*, Sister to *Henry Lambton* in the County of *Durham*, Esq;

He was made Justice of Peace for *Northumberland* in the Reign of *William and Mary*, and hath been continued so, through all the Reigns since, to the present.

He was made a Deputy-Lieutenant there, by *Richard Earl of Scarborough*, in the eighth Year

Year of King *William III.* which was renewed by the same Earl the first of Queen *Anne.*

He was chosen a Member of the House of Commons for the said County in the Reign of King *William*, purely by the Love of his Country, and the Duke of *Somerset's* Favour.

He is competent in Judgment, of Architecture and Physick, exemplary in Planting and Inclosure; having from the Year 1694 to 1738 *inclusive*, planted of Forest-Trees Twenty four thousand, and of Quick-Sets above Four hundred and eighty eight thousand; and being skilful in the Fruit-Garden, planted of Fruit-Trees Five hundred and eighty.

Who by his various Industry besides; as dividing the Grounds, building new Farms upon them, draining Morasses, clearing the Lands of ponderous, massy and hard Stones, to prepare them for Tillage: By which Means (with the Assistance of his Wives Portions) he hath redeemed a good Part of his Estate, adding

adding some others to it of his own Purchase. By struggling with, and the assiduous Application of above fifty Years, he hath reduced his Family to pretty easy Circumstances, from difficult and numerous Troubles and Incumbrances.

He pav'd with Free-Stone all the Quire of *Kirkbarle* Church, (before an Earthen Floor) arch'd the East Window, cop'd and repair'd the Roof, Pillars and Walls thereof; made an Altar-Rail, built a new Pulpit, set upon a hewn Pillar of Stone, a Desk, four new Pews for himself and Family, and two in the Church: And by his good Example and Persuasion, prevail'd with the Parishioners to pave the Church with Free-Stone also, and make decent Pews throughout the same.

He likewise built the West Gable, Porch, and Bell-Cope, (all ruinous) at his own Charge.

He also built a new Mansion-house (of his own Plan and Contrivance) with all the Offices, Out-Houses, Gardens, Fountains, Fish-Ponds, &c. (the first regular ones ever were in that Country) belonging to them.

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The Heirs of this Family having the Misfortune, during those dreadful and pernicious Times of the Court of Wards and Liveries, of falling three Times successively into Wardship, *viz.* *William* in the Twenty sixth of Queen *Elizabeth*, at eighteen Years old; *Robert* in the Thirty fifth of the said Queen, at two Years old and eight Months; *Thomas* in the Reign of King *James*, at two Years old, were defrauded by covetous and perfidious Guardians, and others, from time to time, of several considerable Members of their Estates, in both the said Counties.

And particularly the present Gentleman's Predecessor, by his imprudent Credulity, was circumvented and defrauded of one, to the Amount of the best Part of Twenty thousand Pounds; by a certain Gentleman (whose honourable and laudable Character (*supra*) was, *Double tongued Jemmy*, in an ancient and worthy Corporation in the North, which he lived near, where *William Rufus* finished a Castle (pardon the *Ænigma*). And this he practised under the greatest Confidence, Trust, and seeming Friendship imaginable, and the Relation of an Uncle.

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*Note, Naborth's Vine-yard; the Estate lying  
near his own House.*

The Truth is, he was a Man of good Parts, which he studiously employ'd to accomplish his worldly Interest, quoquomodo an Allegator of Mens Estates, as experienced by those who had the Misfortune to deal with him *de terris & tenementis.*

The Author of this Collection, upon Perusal of many ancient Deeds in the Possession of the Family, finds it Owners of Estates and Effects, now, and in former Generations, viz. in the County of *Durham*, their original Estates in *England*; as *Ufferton, South-Field, East, Middle and West Harrington*, with free Fishings in *Aqua de Were, Wode-Hall*, Lands and Houses in *Chester le Street, Whitwell, Pancr, Byermoor and Collery*, and another at *Ryton*.

And within the Verge and Boundary of *Northumberland*, Lands and Houses in *Cramlington, Slate-Houses, Chapington, Hunt-Law*, a third Part of *Trewick, Low-Hall*; with the half of the Village of *Great-Bavington*, and the Lands and Tenements th'reunto belonging: The said Manor and Lordship of *Kirkbarle*, with all

all the Lands and Tenements thereunto belonging (which is holden of the Crown, as a Member of the Barony of *Bolbeck*, by a yearly Rent of four Shillings and eight Pence) and the Rectory of *Kirkbarle Church*, with the perpetual Advowson thereof (which is also holden of the Crown in free Socage of the Manor of *East-Greenwich*, per annual Rent of three Pounds three Shillings and four Pence).

Which, by reason of the many Alienations, Frauds, Lapse of Time for the Recovery of them, Loss of Evidences in the Times of the national Troubles and Disturbances, with some bad Conduct in the last Generation, several considerable Branches of the Estate were lopp'd off, to the great Diminution of the Funds and Effects of the Family.

There have bee<sup>n</sup> two considerable military Men of the Family buried in the Chancel of the said Church, which appears by two long Stones lying there; one engraven, with a large long Sword on the Sinister, and a Staff, and plain Escutcheon fix'd to it, in the Middle; and on the other, a Staff, with a large long Sword also, on the Sinister, engraven, with

handsome Flourishes on the Top of each Staff: Which Dr. Hunter, *Herald at Arms*, supposes to have been Knights-Templars of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Given under his Hand.

I have subjoin'd the Coat of Arms of the Family, with the Crest and Motto blazon'd; by which it appears to have been obtained by some Action in the Field of Battle, for which there is the Authority of Tradition in the Family, and what is implied in the Crest and Motto themselves.



*It beareth Quarterly Sable, and Argent, a Plain Cross Counterchanged in the Field, borne up by a Laurel-tree Coop'd; Two Branches sprouting out proper, and fix'd to the Lower thereof, with a Belt Gules, Edg'd & Buckl'd, Or.*

